

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO SC YOUTHS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any consent letter from the major industrialists of the country in May, 2005 regarding vocational training to be provided by them to the youths belonging to Scheduled Castes;
- (b) if so, the details of those major industrialists who have given their consent to impart vocational training to SCs youths in the industries and companies of private sector; (
- (c) whether the work of imparting vocational training to SCs youths has been started;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay; and
- (f) the time by which the same is likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (f) On 25th May 2005, Shri Ratan N. Tata, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd., addressed a letter to the Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment enclosing a statement signed by 21 captains of industry in which they have, inter-alia, agreed to expand their activities with regard to vocational training in-house as well in partnership with ITIs. The signatories are: Ms. Anu Aga, M/s. Rahul Bajaj, Kumara Mangalam Birla, Tarun Das, Naushad Forbes, A.S. Ganguly, J.N. Godrej, F.T. Khorakiwala, H.F. Khorakiwala, Suresh Krishna, Keshub Mahendra, A.C. Muthiah, Sunil Kant Munjal, B. Muthuraman, N.R. Narayana Murthy, Deepak Parekh, Azim Premji, S. Ramadorai, Gurpreet Singh, Ratan N Tata and Gautam Thapar. The above-referred statement is a part of continuing dialogue with industry with regard to affirmative action for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth. No specific time frame can be indicated.